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Industrial Register, Office of Collection and Dissemination.

- 1. Attached hereto are memoranda from AD/ORE and AD/OSI which describe the manner in which the Industrial Register, OCD, is utilized by the production divis ons of those Offices.
- 2. In summary, it appears that while it is recognized the Industrial Register is essential it is of limited service to the CIA production offices, with OSI being more generous in its appraisal of IR assistance and potential. In addition to supplying an evaluation of utilization of the Industrial Register, the attached memoranda, particularly that of AD/ORE, have indicated areas in which IR service is deficient and have suggested ways in which IR could be more useful to CIA production offices.
- 3. The crux of the problem is well stated in paragraph 7 (p.3) of memorandum of AD/ORE when he states "An assessment of the current or potential value of IR to ORE is difficult to estimate because the purpose of IR has never been specifically stated. . . . " In the following paragraph he states "So far no primary customer has been named, or, in other words, IR is not oriented toward servicing particular intelligence needs. . . "
- 4. Recently, AD/OCD circulated a listing of Power Installations of Korea prepared for G-2. He indicated that the value of IR is confirmed by its ability to provide G-2 with this information. Does this indicate that the primary purpose of IR is to provide a service of common concern to the intelligence community? Another point raised by this listing on Korean power installations is the usefulness of the distributed ICF card. If G-2 had received and properly maintained its ICF cards, it would appear that it would not be necessary to have IR prepare this subject listing. This listing contradicts COAPS recommendation of 11 May 1950, paragraph 4c, which memorandum is attached.
- 5. The Director of Central Intelligence has ruled by CIA Regulation 70 (Organization and Functions of CIA) that the primary purpose of the Industrial Register is primarily to serve CIA production offices. The Management Staff will follow through to effect the improvements required by CIA production offices if you so direct.

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Attachments: Memoranda from AD/ORE, AD/OSI, and

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